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UT-0003

Mr. Gregg Galecki Canyon Fuel Company, LLC HC 35 Box 380 Helper, Utah 84526

Dear Mr. Galecki:

On February 24, 2006, the Department of the Interior approved a mining plan modification for Federal lease UTU-67939 at Canyon Fuel Company LLC's Skyline Mine. This mining plan action related to the Federal lands associated with the Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining's State Decision Document, Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, North Lease - UTU-67939, Full Extraction Mining, Skyline Mine, C/007/0005 approved on December 2, 2005.

The February 24, 2006, approval allowed Canyon Fuel Company, LLC to begin full extraction by longwall mining methods in the Lower O'Connor "A" coal seam, in all of Federal coal lease UTU-67939, within the area covered by Utah State permit ACT/007/0005.

The Office of Surface Mining has recently been made aware of a small error in the legal description contained in the Mine Plan Approval Document signed by the Assistant Secretary Land and Minerals Management. For those lands in Township 12 South, Range 6 East SL Meridian Utah, Section 34, the lands in the S½NE¼ were omitted from the legal description. Although these lands were always intended to be included in the Mine Plan Modification area and are depicted on the accompanying Mine Plan Modification Map they were inadvertently omitted from the legal description.

Therefore, the true and correct legal description for the mining plan modification authorization expands the approved mining plan area into the following Federal coal lands:

Township 12 South, Range 6 East SL Meridian Utah

Section 26, S½SE¼, SE¼SW ¼; Section 34, Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, E¹/₂SW¹/₄NW¹/₄, N¹/₂S¹/₂, S1/2NE1/4: Section 35, All.

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Township 13 South, Range 6 East SL Meridian Utah

Section 2, All; Section 3, All; Section 10, Lots 1, and 2, NE¹/₄, E¹/₂NW¹/₄; Section 11, N¹/₂, N¹/₂S¹/₂.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (303) 844-1400, extension 1500.

Sincerely,

Carl R. Johnston, Project Manager

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U.S. Forest Service - Manti-La Sal National Forest

Utah Department of Natural Resources

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